GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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BIO-FERTILIZER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide assistance, under any scheme, for setting up of bio-fertilizer projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) the assistance provided during the last three years for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Schemeduring IX plan entitled `National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers`.Under this Scheme Government provides a non-recurring grant up to Rs. 20 lakh forsetting up/strengthening of bio-fertilizer production unit of 150 MT capacity by Agro Industries/Cooperatives/Public Sector Undertakings of Fertilizers, NGOs and Privateentrepreneurs provided their proposals are received through respective State Governments. The grants are released in two instalments.

(c): State-wise details of financial assistance provided during the last three years for setting up bio-fertilizer units is given in the Annexure.

Annexure

State-wise grant released for setting up bio-fertilizer production units during last three years under National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers.

(Rs. lakhs)

Name of the State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Arunachal Pradesh	-	5.00	-
Assam	-	-	10.00
Gujarat	-	15.00	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	5.00
Maharashtra	30.00	75.00	90.00
Meghalaya	10.00	-	-
Tamil Nadu	10.00	-	10.00
Karnataka	-	57.50	-
Kerala	-	5.00	-
West Bengal	-	-	5.00
TOTAL	50.00	157.50	120.00